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**St. Paul, MN** - Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement in response to the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ).

"The shooting today in Tucson of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, at least one member of her staff, and a number of citizens is a monstrous act of violence that is senseless and tragic. I am praying for Congresswoman Giffords, her staff members, all the victims of this attack, and their families."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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